Allocation of Funds under Central Road Fund

681. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the existing norms for allocation of funds under the Central Road Fund;

(b) whether there is any proposal to change these norms; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) As per the resolution adopted by Parliament on the 13th May, 1988, there shall be set apart an amount not less than 5 per cent of the basic price out of the duty of customs and of excise levied on motor spirit and diesel and the accruals will be allocated in the following manner :—

(i) Half per cent on administering the Central Road Fund;

(ii) 35 1/2 per cent on development and maintenance of National Highways; and

(iii) 64 per cent to be utilised by the States/Union Territories for development and maintenance of the State Roads.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Air Flight between Kuwait and Hyderabad

682. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce direct air flight from Hyderabad to Kuwait; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The traffic potential on this route does not warrant any consideration at present.

Air Service between Delhi and Tirupati

683. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to reefr to the answer to Unstarred Question 959 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1988 and state what steps Government propose to take to improve the Tirupati airfield to make it acceptable for Boeing 737 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : The National Airports Authority has plans to develop Tirupati airport for B-737 operations. Due to resource constraints, it has not been possible for the Authority to take up the project. The Authority has approached the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam for an interest free loan of Rs. 10 crores repayable in 20 years, for improving the facilities at Tirupati Airport.

Conservation of Sites and Monuments by Archaeological Survey of India

684. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has identified sites and monuments throughout the country for special conservation plans during the current Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of the monuments and sites so identified for conservation, State-wise;

(c) what are the details of the amount allocated for each monument; and

(d) what progress has been made in implementing the plan so far ?